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SUBJECT: "EARLY WARNING" ON IBRD-FINANCED PROJECT

REF: LAGOS A-144, JUNE 20, 1974

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SUBJECT: EARLY WARNING ON IBRD PROJECTS

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1. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED STATE A-3568, BUT OFFER
FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON BASIS REFTTEL.

2. ACCORDING GENERAL MANAGER WS WATER CORPORATION ANDU,
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SOME WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS MAY BE READY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

NEXT FY (1975-76). WSG EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS BEFORE IT FOR CONSIDERATION TAHAL PROJECTS ON IBADAN AND SEVEN REGIONAL SCHEMES, MAY DECIDE PRIORITIES " ANYTIME FROM NOW". AND IBRD WILL NOT MAKE DECISION RE FINANCING UNTIL RECEIVE LOWEST PRIORITY, AND HAS PROMISED TO SEND TO CONSULATE A LIST OF PROJECTS AND PARTICULARS. TAHAL PERSONNEL MOST UMCOMMUNICATIVE. WE UNDERSTAND THIS BECAUSE USAID HAD TO INSIST ON AMERICAN CONSULTING FIRM (GILBERT ASSOCIATES) ON ASEJIRE DAM PROJECT, THIS ELIMINATING TAHAL - WHO HAD ALREADY BEEN ENGAGED BY NIGERIANS.

3. ACCORDING TIMAR, SEWER PROJECT NOW FOUR YEARS BEHIND SCHEDULE BECAUSE OF LACK FUNDING BY WSG. IBRD REPS VISITED HERE MARCH-APRIL TO STUDY PROJECT, AND INSISTED SCOPE BE TRIPLED TO MAKE IT WORTH THEIR CONSIDERATION EXPANDED PROJECT WILL COST \$7 TO \$10 MILLION, WITH 45 PERCENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMPONENT. IF WSG COMES UP WITH ITS PORTION FINANCING, WHICH NOT ASSURED, TIMAR EXPECTS IBRD APPRAISAL MISSION NEXT OCTOBER, LOAN APPROVAL JUNE, 1975, BIDS FOR TENDER SUMMER 1975, AND CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL SEPTEMBER 1975. TIMAR EXPECTS FIXED EQUIPMENT FOR PROJECT TO AMOUNT TO LESS THAN \$100,000. HE DOUBTS ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WILL ATTRACT US OR CANADIAN COMPANIES, OR SIZE OF FIXED EQUIPMENT ORDER WILL DRAW THEIR ATTENTION. MARKET, HE SAYS, WILL BE IN EARTH MOVING, PIPE MANUFACTURING AND OTHER HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT WHICH LOCAL CONTRACTORS WILL NEED FOR PROJECT.

4. TIMAR ALSO VERY CRITICAL LACK OF INTEGRATION WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES WITH WASTER DISPOSAL PROJECTS. HE SAYS WSG AND USWxD HAVE ARRANGED FOR MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF WATER TO BE PUMPED INTO IBADAN DAILY, WITHOUT THOUGHT ABOUT HOW IT GETS PUMPED OUT OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF. NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES FIND IT DIFFICULT TO GIVE NECESSARY PRIORITY TO SEWAGE AND DRAINAGE PROJECTS, SINCE THEY ARE UNDERGROUND AND NOT VISIBLE TO PUBLIC. PARTLY FOR THIS REASON, WSG AND FMG HAVE NOT HONORED CERTAIN PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS TO IBRD AND PROJECT HAS LANGUISHED.

5. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY CONTACT FOR WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS J.A. ANDU, MANAGING DIRECTOR, WESTERN NIGERIA WATER CORPORATION, 11TH FLOOR, COCOA HOUSE, IBADAN. FOR SEWAGE PROJECTS MR. I. O. OLUYEMI, CHIEF SEWERAGE ENGINEER, WESTERN STATE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT, IBADAN.

6. COMMENT: WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR WESTERN AND KWARA STATES (SEE ALSO IBADAN 0228) SEEM TOO SMALL TO ATTRACT U. S. - BASED CONSTRUCTION FIRMS.

BUT ADDED TOGETHER, AND INCLUDING SUCH AS SIXTH HIGHWAY
PROJECT (LAGOS A-100), THEY MAY AFFORD OPPORTUNITIES TO
US BUSINESS FOR THE SALE OR LEASE OF EARTHMOVING,
PIPE MAKING AND HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT.
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